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PASS FOOD & DRUG ADMINISTRATION

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EIND, SWEL, TBIO, AS  
SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL FOOD LABELING SURVEY

REF: A) CANBERRA 05698; B) STATE 178135

1. AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH HAS PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING  
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS POSED IN PARA 4, REF B:

2. QUANTITATIVE DECLARATION OF THE CARBOHYDRATE CONTENT OF  
FOODS IS CURRENTLY NOT REQUIRED BY NH&MRC APPROVED FOOD  
STANDARD NOR IS IT REQUIRED BY STATE FOOD LEGISLATION TO  
MY KNOWLEDGE. HOWEVER RECENT PROPOSALS FOR THE LABELLING  
OF FOODS FOR SPECIFIC DIETARY USES INCLUDES NUTRITIONAL  
LABELLING OF FAT, CARBOHYDRATE AND PROTEIN CONTENT EXPRESSED  
AS GRAMS PER 100 GRAMS OF FOOD.

3. DECLARATION OF THE CARBOHYDRATE CONTENT IN RELATIVE  
PROPORTION TO OTHER INGREDIENTS IS REQUIRED BY RECENTLY  
APPROVED INGREDIENT LABELLING PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO  
PACKAGED FOODS. THESE REQUIRE THAT IF SUGAR OR OTHER  
CARBOHYDRATES ARE PRESENT IN INGREDIENTS THAT THEY BE  
DECLARED AND RANKED IN DESCENDING ORDER OF RELATIVE  
PROPORTION.

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4. HEALTH CLAIMS ARE NOT PERMITTED BY NH&MRC STANDARDS  
EXCEPT STATEMENTS OF FACT SUCH AS "NO ADDED SUGAR",  
"UNSWEETENED" ETC. THESE TERMS ARE QUALIFIED BY AN UPPER  
JOULE OR CALORIE LIMIT.

5. OTHER MACRO-NUTRIENTS ARE ALSO COVERED BY INGREDIENT  
LABELLING BUT NOT AS A QUANTITATIVE DECLARATION EXCEPT IN

THE CASE OF FOODS FOR SPECIFIC DIETARY USES.

6. COPY OF DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S RESPONSE WITH ENCLOSURES  
REGARDING STANDARD FOR LABELLING BEING POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT  
FOR TRANSMITTAL TO FDA.

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